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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Burchard

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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE

SPECIFICITY AND SENSITIVITY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR

HYBRIDIZATION

Attorney Docket No.: 9301-044

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2001, be extended for a period of two months from August 9, 2001 to and including October 9, 2001.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$\frac{\\$400.00}{\}\$. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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